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To: All Affiliates  
Re: The Donna Sheaves Memorial Scholarship

Dear friends,

The Canadian Union of Public Employees Union (CUPE) Local 402 has established, through the BC Federation of Labour, a Donna Sheaves Memorial Scholarship for a union woman to attend the "Women in Leadership" course at the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Winter School. The Scholarship will cover the cost of the tuition for this event. The Scholarship does not include wage loss.

**Applicants must write a letter outlining their union activities** and must briefly describe what they hope to learn from the school, and how the experience will assist them in their work, in their union or in the broader labour movement.

**Applicants must also submit a letter of recommendation from their union and be available** to attend the Women in Leadership course, which is offered in week one, January 12-17, 2025.

Applications for the Scholarship should be addressed to the "Donna Sheaves Memorial Scholarship", c/o the BC Federation of Labour, and be emailed to the attention of Sylvia Brow at [sectreas@bcfed.ca](mailto:sectreas@bcfed.ca).

**The DEADLINE for submitting applications is Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5:00 pm.**

All applicants will be evaluated, and the Scholarship will be awarded by Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Please include your phone number and email address within your application, so you can be quickly notified.

In solidarity,

SUSSANNE SKIDMORE

President

Enclosure

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Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Canadian Labour Congress

cc: Accounting

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## **DONNA SHEAVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In 1997, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 402 suffered a great loss with the untimely death of Donna Sheaves. The Executive Board of CUPE, Local 402 wanted to pay tribute to this very special woman and to carry on her crusade to survive with dignity in an ever-changing workplace.

The Donna Sheaves Memorial Scholarship was established by CUPE, Local 402, through the BC Federation of Labour, for a union woman to attend the Women in Leadership course at the Canadian Labour Congress Harrison Winter School.

Donna Sheaves was a fighter. She fought for Human Rights, injustice and equality for all. She stood up for the average working person at all costs.

Donna had a lot of ideas on how to make the world a better place to live in for minorities and humanity in general. She insisted that women had rights the same as men and disagreed adamantly with anyone who thought differently.

She was a dedicated union activist and worked tirelessly during the strike and drafting layoffs as well as the daily business of the CUPE office. She was a source of warmth and comfort for those affected during the drafting layoffs and they always knew they had a shoulder to lean on when the stress was too much to bear.

Donna never wavered during the strike; she worked diligently through long days and nights until her job was done. She was never too busy to talk out your problems, even though she herself was stressed.

All those that knew Donna will miss her words of encouragement, her undaunting spirit, quick wit and optimism.